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IDOC Parole Division Receives First ACA Accreditation

Indianapolis, IN (June 3, 2010) – For the first time in Indiana, the Parole Services Division at the Indiana Department of Correction has received ACA Accreditation. The Parole Division scored a perfect 100 percent on mandatory standards and a 95 percent on non-mandatory standards, established by the American Correctional Association (ACA).

During the three day audit, the auditors visited parole offices in Ft. Wayne, Bloomington, New Castle, Terra Haute, and Indianapolis, speaking with both staff and parolees.

Auditors John Galley, from Maryland, and David Taylor, from Ohio, were complimentary of the parole offices and staff's appearance, performance, and dedication to providing services to their communities and the citizens of Indiana. The two auditors said that for a first time audit this was one of the best parole divisions they have ever had the opportunity to audit.

Parole Services Director Steve Kever commended staff for a terrific display of team attitude and effort to make accreditation a reality. "Parole staff put in a lot of hard work, time and effort into preparing for this accreditation. They should be very proud."

IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss shared in Director Kever's appreciation. "I can not begin to express how proud I am of this incredible achievement," commented Commissioner Buss. "Every day, parole staff perform a great duty to their communities and do so with the utmost dedication and professionalism."

With this accreditation comes the responsibility of completing an IDOC audit once a year and meeting the standards and passing an ACA reaccreditation audit every three years.

The accreditation process includes an audit of the policies, procedures and practices in the areas of operations, programs and services. The audit also checks for compliance with mandatory and non-mandatory standards. ACA standards represent the current best correctional practices associated with the care, custody, and management of offenders

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